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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Brian A. Falkner**, 44, Kansas City, Kansas, was sentenced on Monday, October 20, 2003, by Chief U.S. District Judge John W. Lungstrum **to ten years in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release and ordered to forfeit two vehicles obtained from the proceeds of the criminal activity.**

Falkner entered a guilty plea on April 17, 2003, to one count of distributing crack cocaine and one count of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine.

Melgren stated that on October 21, 2002, officers with the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, working with a cooperating individual, purchased approximately 14.4 grams (approximately .51 ounce) of crack cocaine from Falkner at his residence in Kansas City, Kansas. On October 23, 2002, the officers executed a search warrant at Falkner's residence and found approximately 28.9 grams (approximately one ounce) of cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Falkner admitted that he had been selling crack cocaine and that he used the proceeds to purchase a 1996 GMC Tahoe and a 1968 Cadillac.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and the FBI Task Force in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.